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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 882  
By Brooks

A RESOLUTION to commend Terica Nicole Smith for her  
exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Terica Nicole Smith is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Representatives Henri E. Brooks and Barbara Cooper; her work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith was born to the union of Terry and Gertie Smith on July 8, 1981 in Jackson, and received her early education at Andrew Jackson Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, while attending Tigrett Middle School, she realized that she wanted to become an attorney and a judge; as a highly-regarded student at Jackson Central-Merry High School, Terica Nicole Smith was fortunate to represent her high school at Volunteer Girls State; during the week-long experience, she learned how state government operates and developed the aspiration to become a politician; and

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WHEREAS, active in many school programs and clubs during high school, Ms. Smith established herself as an astute and accomplished leader among her peers; she graciously served as the Key Club President, the Cheerleading Captain, and the Tennis Team Captain, in which position she led her team to the finals of the State Tournament in 1999; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school with honors, she began her studies at Tennessee State University where she received a Presidential Scholarship; as a Political Science Major, she has achieved academic excellence while continuing to serve as a leader among her peers and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including serving as the President of the Tennessee State University College Chapter of the NAACP, the Student Government Senior Class Representative, and as a Member of Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society and the Golden Key International Honors Society; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from Tennessee State University Summa Cum Laude and with University honors, Terica Nicole Smith plans to attend law school to pursue her Juris Doctor and Masters in Public Administration degrees; following her completion of law school, she intends to practice corporate law, while being involved in politics and government; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith's ultimate dream, which was formulated at an early age, is to become the first female President of the United States of America; believing that all her goals are attainable, she diligently works toward each of them daily as she lives by the statement of T. E. Lawrence: "All men dream, but not equally. Those that dream within the dusty recesses of their minds, awake to find that it was vanity, but the dreamers of the day are dangerous men, for they work to make their dreams come true."; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further her studies in government and law, Ms. Smith brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2002 session of the One Hundred Second General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2001 legislative session, she has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; she has earned the respect and

admiration of everyone with whom she has worked for her outstanding work ethic, reliability, and diligence in completing her duties; and

WHEREAS, Terica Nicole Smith has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Terica Nicole Smith for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representatives Henri E. Brooks and Barbara Cooper and extend to her our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.